

Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A print control apparatus comprising:

a parameter acceptance unit for accepting, from a print system having a first printer, a parameter used for trial processing for each mode of the ~~trial print~~ first printer using a second, different printer at a user system, the parameter including a device link profile (DLP) based on a target profile (TP) of the first printer of the print system and a device profile (DP) of the user system;

a trial print instruction unit for judging, based on the parameters, as to whether or not a request for the trial processing at the user system is acceptable, wherein if the request is acceptable, the trial print instruction unit instructs the print system to execute raster image processing for image data in accordance with the parameters to obtain processed image data that enables image output from the second printer to be identical with that output by the first printer;

a reception unit for receiving the processed image data from the print system; and

a transmission unit for transmitting the received image data to a user terminal at the user system.

2. (Previously Presented) The print control apparatus according to claim 1, wherein:

the parameter acceptance unit accepts a trial print parameter for a color mode and a trial print parameter for a monochrome mode;

if the trial print instruction unit judges based on the test parameter for the color mode that the request designating the color mode is acceptable, the trial print instruction unit instructs the print system to execute the raster image processing in the color mode; and

if the trial print instruction unit judges based on the test print parameter for the monochrome mode that the request designating the monochrome mode is acceptable, the trial instruction unit instructs the print system to execute the raster image processing in the monochrome mode.

3. (Currently Amended) A print system comprising:

a parameter retention unit for retaining a trial print parameter for a color mode and a trial print parameter for a monochrome mode of a first printer of a print system, the trial print parameters each including a device link profile (DLP) based on a target profile (TP) of the first printer and a device profile (DP) of a second printer of a user system; and
a trial print instruction unit that executes raster image processing for image data in accordance with the trial print parameter for at least one of the color mode and the monochrome mode that enables image output from the second printer to be identical with that output by the first printer; and

an accounting unit, wherein:

the accounting unit performs an accounting processing on the basis of the trial print parameter for the color mode when raster image processing is executed for image data in the color mode; and

the accounting unit performs the accounting processing on the basis of the trial print parameter for the monochrome mode when the raster image processing is executed for the image data in the monochrome mode.

4. (Currently Amended) A print control method comprising:

accepting, from a print system having a first printer, a parameter used for trial print processing for each mode of the trial print the first printer using a second, different printer at a user system, the parameter including a device link profile (DLP) based on a target profile (TP) of the first printer of the print system and a device profile (DP) of a user system; and

judging, based on the parameters, as to whether or not a request for trial processing at the user system is acceptable, wherein if the request is acceptable, instructing the print system to execute raster image processing for image data in accordance with the parameters to obtain processed image data that enables image output from the second printer to be identical with that output by the first printer.

5. (Previously Presented) The print control method according to claim 4, further comprising:

in the accepting of the parameter, a trial print parameter for a color print mode and a trial print parameter for a monochrome print mode are accepted;

in the judging of the parameter, if based on the test parameter for a color mode that the request designating the color mode is acceptable, then instructing the print system to execute the raster image processing in the color mode; and

in the judging of the parameter, if based on the test print parameter for a monochrome mode that the request designating the monochrome mode is acceptable, then instructing the print system to execute the raster image processing in the monochrome mode.

6. (Currently Amended) A printing method comprising:

accepting, from a print system having a first printer, ~~retaining~~ a trial print parameter for a color mode and a trial print parameter for a monochrome mode used for trial processing of the color mode and the monochrome mode of the first printer using a second, different printer at a user system, each trial print parameter including a device link profile (DLP) based on a target profile (TP) of the first printer of the print system and a device profile (DP) of the user system;

judging, based on the parameters, as to whether or not a request for trial processing at the user system is acceptable, wherein if the request is acceptable, instructing execution of raster image processing for image data in accordance with at least one of the trial

print parameters to obtain processed image data that enables image output from the second printer to be identical with that output by the first printer; and

executing an accounting processing on the basis of the trial print parameter for the color print mode when raster image processing is executed for image data in the color mode;
and

executing the accounting processing on the basis of the trial print parameter for the monochrome print mode when raster image processing is executed for image data in the monochrome mode.

7. (Currently Amended) An image processing system comprising:
a processing requesting device for requesting raster image processing; and
a processing execution device for executing the requested raster image processing for image data ~~so that the processed image data enables a first printer to output an image that is identical with that output by a second printer different from the first printer~~, wherein:

the processing requesting device includes:

a registration requesting unit for requesting the processing execution device to register the processing requesting device for trial processing for testing the raster image processing of the processing execution device; and

a processing requesting unit for requesting the processing execution device to perform the trial processing; and

the processing execution device includes:

a registration unit for executing the requested registration; and

a trial processing execution unit for executing the trial ~~processing~~processing, requested by the registered processing requesting device, that obtains a target profile (TP) of a first printer of a print system, obtains a device profile (DP) of a second printer, different from the first printer, of a user system, generates a device link profile

(DLP) based on the target profile (TP) of the first printer and the device profile (DP) of the second printer, and performs the raster image processing based on the device link profile (DLP),

wherein the target profile (TP) defines a relationship between print results from the first printer of the print system and print target image data,

the device profile (DP) defines a relationship between print results from the second printer of the user system and print target image data, and

the device link profile (DLP) is generated based on the target profile (TP) acquired and the device profile (DP) acquired so that requested raster image processing for image data provides processed image data that enables the second printer of the user system to output an image that is identical with that output by the first printer for trial purposes.

8. (Original) The image processing system according to claim 7, wherein:
the trial processing is set to have the same processing range as that of the image processing;

the processing execution device further includes a trial processing range setting unit for setting the processing range of the trial processing; and

the processing requesting unit of the processing requesting device requests the processing execution device to perform the trial processing included in the set processing range.

9. (Original) The image processing system according to claim 7, wherein:
the trial processing is set to have a different processing range from that of the image processing;

the processing execution device further includes a trial processing range setting unit for setting the processing range of the trial processing; and

the processing requesting unit of the processing requesting device requests the processing execution device to perform the trial processing included in the set processing range.

10. (Previously Presented) The image processing system according to claim 8, wherein the processing requesting device further includes a display unit;

if the requested trial processing is beyond the processing range the display unit displays a message indicating that the requested trial processing is beyond the processing range.

11. (Original) The image processing system according to claim 8, wherein the trial processing execution unit of the processing execution device executes the requested trial processing within the set processing range.

12. (Previously Presented) The image processing system according to claim 7 wherein:

the trial processing execution unit of the processing execution device adds advertisement image data to the processed image data, and

the trial processing execution unit outputs image data obtained by adding the advertisement image data to the processed image data.

13. (Previously Presented) The image processing system according to claim 12 further comprising:

a position designation unit for accepting designation of a position of an image represented by the advertisement image data, wherein:

the trial processing execution unit adds the image represented by the advertisement image data to an image represented by the processed image data at the designated position.

14. (Previously Presented) The image processing system according to claim 12 further comprising:

a search unit for searching for an optimum position of an image represented by the advertisement image data, wherein:

the trial processing execution unit adds the image represented by the advertisement image data to an image represented by the processed image data provided at the position found as a result of the searching.

15. (Original) The image processing system according to claim 7, wherein:

first points are set to the trial processing;

second points are set to the registered processing requesting device;

the processing execution device further includes a subtraction unit for subtracting the first points set to the executed trial processing from the second points set to the registered processing requesting device every time the requested trial processing is executed; and

the processing execution unit executes the trial processing requested by the processing requesting device corresponding to the second point during the second points are left.

16. (Currently Amended) A processing requesting device in an image processing system including the processing requesting device for requesting raster image processing and a processing execution device for executing the requested raster image processing, the processing requesting device comprising:

a registration requesting unit for requesting the processing execution device to register the processing requesting device for a trial processing for testing the raster image processing of the processing execution device; and

a processing requesting unit for requesting the processing execution device to perform the trial ~~processing~~ processing by obtaining a target profile (TP) of a first printer of a print system, obtaining a device profile (DP) of a second printer, different from the first printer, of a user system, generating a device link profile (DLP) based on the target profile (TP) of the first printer and the device profile (DP) of the second printer, and performing raster image

processing based on the device link profile (DLP) to obtain processed image data that enables image output from the second printer to be identical with that output by the first printer.

17. (Original) The processing requesting device according to claim 16, wherein:
the trial processing is set to have the same processing range as that of the image processing; and

the processing requesting unit of the processing requesting device requests the processing execution device to perform the trial processing included in the set processing range.

18. (Original) The processing requesting device according to claim 16, wherein:
the trial processing is set to have a different processing range from that of the image processing; and

the processing requesting unit of the processing requesting device requests the processing execution device to perform the trial processing included in the set processing range.

19. (Original) The processing requesting device according to claim 17, further comprising:

a display unit for displaying a message indicating that the requested trial processing is beyond the processing range.

20. (Currently Amended) A processing execution device in an image processing system including a processing requesting unit for requesting raster image processing and the processing execution device for executing the requested raster image processing, the processing execution device comprising:

a registration unit for registering the processing requesting device for trial processing of the raster image processing; and

a trial processing execution unit for executing the trial ~~processing~~processing, requested by the registered processing requesting device, that obtains a target profile (TP) of a first printer of a print system, obtains a device profile (DP) of a second printer, different from the first printer, of a user system, generates a device link profile (DLP) based on the target profile (TP) of the first printer and the device profile (DP) of the second printer, and performs the raster image processing based on the device link profile (DLP),

wherein the target profile (TP) defines a relationship between print results from the first printer of the print system and print target image data,

the device profile (DP) defines a relationship between print results from the second printer of the user system and print target image data, and

the device link profile (DLP) is generated based on the target profile (TP) acquired and the device profile (DP) acquired so that requested raster image processing for image data provides, for image data so that the processed image data that enables at the first printer to output an image that is identical with that output by at the second printer~~different from the first printer.~~

21. (Original) The processing execution device according to claim 20, wherein:
the trial processing is set to have the same processing range as that of the image processing; and

the trial processing execution unit executes the requested trial processing within the set processing range.

22. (Original) The processing execution device according to claim 20, wherein:
the trial processing is set to have a different processing range from that of the image processing; and

the trial processing execution unit executes the requested trial processing within the set processing range.

23. (Previously Presented) The processing execution device according to claim 20, wherein:

the trial processing execution unit adds advertisement image data to the processed image data, and

the trial processing execution unit outputs image data obtained by adding the advertisement image data to the processed image data.

24. (Previously Presented) The processing execution device according to claim 23, further comprising:

a position designation unit for accepting designation of a position of an image represented by the advertisement image data, wherein

the trial processing execution unit adds the image represented by the advertisement image data to an image represented by the processed image data at the designated position.

25. (Previously Presented) The processing execution device according to claim 23, further comprising:

a search unit for searching for an optimum position of an image represented by the advertisement image data, wherein:

the trial processing execution unit adds the image represented by the advertisement image data to an image represented by the processed image data provided at a position found as the result of the searching.

26. (Original) The processing execution device according to claim 20, further comprising:

a subtraction unit, wherein:

first points are set to the trial processing;

second points are set to the registered processing requesting device;

the subtraction unit subtracts the first points set to the executed trial processing from the second points set to the registered processing requesting device every time the requested trial processing is executed; and

the trial processing execution unit executes the trial processing requested by the processing requesting device corresponding to the second points during the second points are left.

27. (Currently Amended) An image processing method comprising:

requesting to register a ~~first device~~user system for a trial processing for trying raster image processing of a print system having a first printer;

requesting to execute the trial processing using a second printer, different from the first printer, of the user system;

~~register~~registering the requested ~~first device~~user system; and

executing the requested trial processing by obtaining a target profile (TP) of the first printer of the print system, obtaining a device profile (DP) of the second printer of the user system, generating a device link profile (DLP) based on the target profile (TP) of the first printer and the device profile (DP) of the second printer, and performing the raster image processing based on the device link profile (DLP).

wherein the target profile (TP) defines a relationship between print results from the first printer of the print system and print target image data,

the device profile (DP) defines a relationship between print results from the second printer of the user system and print target image data, and

the device link profile (DLP) is generated based on the target profile (TP) acquired and the device profile (DP) acquired so that requested raster image processing for image data provides processed image data that enables the second printer of the user system to output an image that is identical with that output by the first printer for trial purposes.

28. (Previously Presented) The print control apparatus according to claim 1, wherein if the request is acceptable, the trial print instruction unit instructs the print system to execute the raster image processing of the image data so that the processed image data enables a user's printer to output an image that is identical with that output by the print system.

29. (Previously Presented) The print control method according to claim 4, further comprising:

in the judging of the parameter, if based on the test print parameter the request is acceptable then instructing the print system to execute the raster image processing of the image data so that the processed image data enables a user's printer to output an image that is identical with that output by the print system.

30. (Previously Presented) The print system according to claim 3, wherein the raster image processing is executed for the image data so that the processing image data enables a user's printer to output an image that is identical with that output by the print system.

31. (Previously Presented) The printing method according to claim 6, wherein the raster image processing is executed for the image data so that the processing image data enables a user's printer to output an image that is identical with that output by the print system.

32. (Previously Presented) The print system according to claim 3, further comprising:

a control unit, wherein

the control unit judges, based on the trial print parameter for the color mode, as to whether or not a request, for a trial print, designating the color mode is acceptable, and

the control unit judges, based on the trial print parameter for the monochrome mode, as to whether or not a request, for the trial print, designating the monochrome mode is acceptable; and

a raster image processing unit for performing raster image processing, wherein

if the request designating the color mode is acceptable, the control unit allows the raster image processing unit to perform the raster image processing in the color mode in accordance with the request, and

if the request designating the monochrome mode is acceptable, the control unit allows the raster image processing unit to perform the raster image processing in the monochrome mode in accordance with the request.

33. (Previously Presented) The printing method according to claim 6, further comprising:

judging, based on the trial print parameter for the color mode, as to whether or not a request, for a trial print, designating the color mode is acceptable;

judging, based on the trial print parameter for the monochrome mode, as to whether or not a request, for the trial print, designating the monochrome mode is acceptable; and

performing raster image processing, wherein

if the request designating the color mode is acceptable, instructing the print system to execute the raster image processing in the color mode in accordance with the request, and

if the request designating the monochrome mode is acceptable, instructing the print system to execute the raster image processing in the monochrome mode in accordance with the request.

34. (Previously Presented) The processing execution device according to claim 20, wherein the trial processing execution unit outputs the processed image data.